



NACC Software AG Products Update



Topics for Discussion



- Product Issues
 - Natural User's Conference Information
 - Entire Connection 412
 - Project Team Meeting
 - SAG Product Upgrade
 - Configuration Management
 - Miscellaneous Information
- Final Comments

Product List



Core Products

- ADABAS 6.2.1
- Natural 2.2.8++
- Predict 3.4.1
- Entire Network 5.5.1

Optional Products

- Supernatural 3.1.5
- PAC 2.1.2
- Review 4.1.2
- Natural Advanced Facility 2.2.8
- Entire Broker 2.1.1
- Entire Connection 4.1.2
- Native SQL 1.6.2
- ADABAS Transfer 5.1
- Connect 3.2.2
- Natural VSAM 2.3.2
- APPC (Entire X) 4.2.1
- APAS/Insight (Non-SAG) 3.4.1
- Trim (Not SAG) 6.1.0
- Construct 4.1.1



NATURAL Users Conference



- A Technical forum for Natural in 2000, Jim Wisdom is planning a 9th edition of the Natural Conference.
 - This conference would cover new releases of Natural at its various levels (mainframe, PC, client), a broad spectrum of products, web-enabling capabilities, etc.
 - The purpose of the conference is attempt to get everyone "on track" with "how to's" within Application Development.
 - The last Natural Conference was held in 1996 in Boston. The full 1996 agenda is available at:
 - <http://www.wizinc.com/Agenda.rtf>



NATURAL Users Conference



- Preliminary Information:
 - Date: August 13th - August 16th
 - Location: Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, MA
 - Hotel special pricing - \$189 (American) per night
 - Conference fee (not yet determined)
 - Approximately \$600 - \$650
 - Late fee - \$100 - \$150 above standard fee
 - Early registration of \$50 - 75 less than standard fee
 - For more information:
 - Send an e-mail request to natconference@wizinc.com.
 - Web Site is www.wizinc.com/.



ENTIRE CONNECTION 412



- Questions
 - Downloading to EXCEL seems to be twice as slow as before.
 - PCC 4.1.2 Fix02 is addressing this problem
 - Not released on 1/31 when I talked to Denver
 - Beta release is available but not recommended for Production Implementation
 - Problem With Eudora Compatibility
 - Eudora locks up when both it and PCC 412 is open
 - Problem seems to be related to version of Eudora, recommendation is to upgrade to Eudora 4.3



Project Team Meeting



- **Items of Interest**

- Virtual Tape System Implementation

- Technical details
 - Conversion Requirements
 - Tentative Schedule

- OS390 2.7 Implementation

- Version 2.9 out 3/2000
 - IBM will only support old version for 3 years
 - Tentative Completion for Roll-out 7/00

- **URL for Presentations**

- <http://www.nacc.nasa.gov/>
 - Call Project Team member for Userid and Password



SAG Product Upgrade



- Print and Review accompanying Excel Spreadsheet
- Upgrade Considerations
 - SAGA OS390 Compatibility Chart
 - Found under Quest, S/390 Compatibility Option
 - “Since OS/390 is delivered every six months, it is Software AG’s intention to test our latest release of products with the new level of OS/390. We will not test all back levels of our products with the latest level of OS/390. Since the lower levels of Software AG products may not have been tested under lower levels of OS/390, the Software AG product may or may not work (indicated by this column) under that LEVEL of OS/390. In this case, Software AG may or may not require the customer to upgrade his level of Software AG product based upon Changes required for the highest levels of OS/390.”



SAG Product Upgrade



- Upgrade Considerations (continued)
 - Natural Update Only
 - 312 Update
 - Requires upgrades to Predict, Supernatural, PAC, Construct & Natural VSAM
 - Vendor tested with OS390 2.6 and above
 - Latest version, no maintenance expiration date
 - Version update with no major new functionality
 - Per Release notes as a prerequisite 233 & 234 Release notes should be read
 - 23X Update (with performance problems)
 - Requires updates to PAC, Supernatural, Construct & Natural VSAM
 - Vendor tested with OS390 2.5 and above
 - Maintenance expiration date of 12/31/00



SAG Product Upgrade



- Upgrade Considerations (continued)
 - ADABAS Update Options
 - 623 Update
 - Minimal update requirements from 621
 - Extends Maintenance to 12/31/00
 - Vendor Tested on OS390 2.4 and above
 - 711 Update
 - Update requirement impacts unknown at this time
 - Extends Maintenance to ????, latest version
 - Vendor tested on OS390 2.4 and above
 - New functionality & utilities
 - SAG-L reporting very few plans to implement this version in production.



SAG Product Upgrade



- Upgrade Summary
 - All upgrade options will require running and testing upgrade under a “non-vendor” tested OS390
 - If we don’t upgrade until new operating system is active, the risk is running ADABAS products that are no longer under maintenance.
 - Upgrade Options:
 - ADABAS 623 and No Natural Upgrades (Out of Vendor maintenance support for Natural & various other products as of 6/30/00)
 - ADABAS 623 and Natural 312 Upgrade (Maintenance support through at least 12/30/00 for ADABAS)
 - ADABAS 623 and Natural 234 Upgrade (Maintenance support through 12/30/00 for Natural)
 - ADABAS 711 and Natural 312 Upgrade (Full Maintenance)



SAG Product Upgrade



- Distribution of Products
 - Documentation Issue
 - NACC Web Site
 - Copy of CD for each site
 - SAG Web Site (Quest)
 - NACC Will provide to each site
 - Product tape access and tape report (Word or faxed copy)
 - JCL used to load tapes (DSN placed it in Transient Storage Pool)
 - Documentation
 - Testing results via Vits, Emails, etc.



Configuration Management



- GSFC Update?



Miscellaneous Information



- Web Addresses of Interest from SAG-L
 - To sign-up for a free Software AG Electronic newsletter
 - <http://www.softwareag.com/corporat/news/newsletter%5Frequest.htm>



Final Comments



- Questions/Concerns/Issues ???
- 2000 Vits Schedule (10 - 11am CST)
 - 3/14
 - 4/25
 - 5/23
 - 6/20
 - 7/18
 - 8/15
 - 9/26
 - 10/24
 - 11/21
 - 12/19